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Status

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This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

All Some* None of the:

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____

Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received
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Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2 Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 is rejected because it is not clear what constitutes a "C₂ - C₈ ethylene group." The claim is also rejected because there is no "h" in formula {5a}

Claim 3 is rejected because there is no "h" in formula (5a).

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected because formula (6b) of these claims is different from formula (6b) of claim 4.

Claim 10 is rejected because there is no "h" in formula (5a).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,2,3,10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Herbstman (4,332,595)..

Herbstman teaches a gasoline detergent additive represented by the formula $R-[O-CH_2-CH-(CH_3)]_y-NH-(CH_2)_3-NH_2$. wherein R is hydrocarbyl radical having 8 to 18 carbon atoms y is 2-6 (see abstract; col. 2, lines 10-19; col. 3, lines 18-29). This compound of claims embraces the prior art when R, is hydrocarbon, R₂-R₄ are H, b and d are 0, X is O and e is 2.

Accordingly, Herbstmann teaching all the material limitations of the claims, anticipates the claims.

Claims 1,10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mohr (5,348,560).

Mohr teaches a carbamate of the formula $R^1-CH_2-NH-COO[R^2-O]_n-R^3$ wherein R¹ is a polybutyl radical, R² a straight chain or branch C₂-C₆ alkylene and R³ is H when n is 1-4 or C₁-C₆ alkyl when n is 0-4 (see col.2, lines 4-16). The carbamate are used in fuels in amounts from 10-5000 ppm (see col.2, lines 36-38).

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Accordingly, Mohr teaching all the material limitations of the claims, anticipates the claims.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ishida (5,928,393).

Ishida teaches a fuel additive that embraces the additive of the instant claims. The amine additive and the nitrogen-containing additive embrace the compound of the claims, especially when Z of the claims is COO.(see abstract; col.2, lines 1-51; col. 3, lines 15-48). The additives are present in the fuel in an amount from 0.005-10% by mass (see col. 38, lines 8-12).

Accordingly, Ishida teaching all the material limitations of the claims, anticipates the claims.

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP819753.

EP teaches a fuel additive that embraces the additive of the instant claims. The amine additive and the nitrogen-containing additive embrace the compound of the claims, especially when Z of the claims is COO (see page 1, lines 21-57; page 2, line 1, 23-43).

Accordingly, EP teaching all the material limitations of the claims, anticipates the claims.

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1,4-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Dever (US 5,810,894)..

Dever teaches a fuel additive comprising oligomeric olefin monoamine (see col.1, lines 30-40, col.2, lines 39-44). The molecular weight of the compounds is from about 400 to about 3,000 (see col.2, lines 50-51). The fuel contains from about 50 ppm to about 2000 ppm of the additive (see col. 6, lines 16-22).

Accordingly, Dever teaching all the material limitations of the claims, anticipates the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Cephia Toomer at telephone number (703) 308-2509



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